

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PIERCE et al.

Confirmation No. 7389

Application No.: 10/599,364

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Group Art Unit: 3781

Examiner: HICKS, ROBERT J.

Attorney Docket: 784-117 (196342)

Customer No.: 30448

For: BIN COMPACTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is in reply to an election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 28, 2009, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before January 28, 2010. Applicants respectfully request a four month extension of time for filing this response. Authorization is given to charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species 1: Figures 5a-5c, plus claim 7;